SOLDIERS and SAILORS DECORATED OF BRAYERY

NOT Every Bold Deed in Army and Navy Merits a Medal-Distinction Made in Quality of Heroism Displayed and Rewards Given in Proportion-Various Medals Used by Uncle Sam-Recent Recipients and the Deeds for Which They Were Honored.



ERE and there in the military posts all over the land and on the decks United States attleships on the nigh seas may be found boys in blue wear upon their bosoms the commendation of the nation they serve in the form

their valor. What the Victoria cross is in a room directly beneath a magazine in was fifty-eight degrees below zero-so to the Englishman, the emblem of the which powerful explosives were stored. cold that several of the dogs were frozen. Order of St. Andrew to the Russian or Immediately signaled for aid. The North the loss of one foot. Navy departments are to the jack tars shire was sent nearer to assist if it beand the enlisted men who wear them, for came possible to do so. of the nation's chief executive and his named above, who worked valiantly amid

In all not more than some five hundred- aster. Several of them were injured more odd soldiers and sailors have been so or less severely. A pitiful note underlies signally honored out of the entire na- this disaster, as it has been, and probably tional defense. But few of these medals always will be, impossible to determine Sam is chary indeed of honoring where room were killed or knowingly gave their such an honor is not unquestionably due. lives that their comrades might escape. Even then, however, he decorates with Whatever may have been the case, while two grades, according to the heroism and history as heroes. ver one. Then the medal of honor, of bronze, a "letter of commendation" in tion to the peril involved in the earning

tion of the heroism involved. One or ington and the presentation made by the of years. more eye-witnesses must send in sworn statements of the deed as he himself saw the captain of the ship. The merits of the case are then considered by the de-partment. If approved, an order is is-



GOLD LIFE SAVING MEDAL. STEVERSE OBVERSE SIDE A SIDE

was in Hampton roads en route from the carried him to Fairbanks, where his life silver and bronze testimonials of southern drill ground when fire broke out was saved. The trip was made when it

the Black Eagle to the Prussian these Dakota was ordered to leave the fleet Each of the soldiers will receive a medals for bravery from the War and formation, and the U. S. S. New Hampparchment "certificate of merit," signed parchaeat the parchaeat parchaeat the soldiers will receive a medals for bravery from the War and formation, and the U. S. S. New Hampparchment "certificate of merit," signed by the President and Secretary of War. a bronze medal and \$2 a month additional No help was necessary, but in order salary. This certificate and medal is they have won them by courageous deeds to save the ship and crew the room in the only award the War Department in both war and peace, and in most in- which the fire was raging had to be proper makes, with the exception of the stances have received such official re- flooded. drowning three men. This list life-saving medal, which belongs really wards of their heroism in the presence of deaths would have been considerably to both arms of the service and is awardthe explosives to prevent complete disthough they have been issued a conhave been presented recently, for Uncle whether or not the three men in the fire- siderable number of years. The navy

medals of honor have been presented to less than 175 sailors for bravery in several distinctions. First comes the life- the government was unable to give them time of peace, while only 46 have resaving medal in both army and navy, in medals, at least they have gone down to ceived life-saving medals, 40 of them of silver and 6 of gold. The list in the the navy and a "certificate of merit" in the highest award which can be won by of commendation" are sent to sailors a sailor in time of peace. It is the who perform heroic deeds in time of tion to the peril involved in the earning medal of honor. And each medal is active far greater than that of the medals, To win one of these decorations is by companied by a gift of \$100. If possifor as many as three a week are now no means easy, even if there be no ques- ble, all six men will be called to Wash- awarded, and have been for a number President of the United States before December 13 last William E. Shiper, chief electrician of the U. S. S. Bir-

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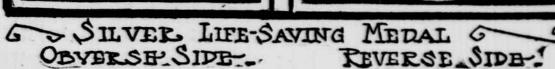
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the regulations do not require a soldier to leave shelter when the thermometer is under forty degrees below zero. One since 1874 and are given not only to enlisted men in both the army and the party, but in rare instances to civilians pay, but in rare instances to civilians as well, who perform heroic rescues. In itself sufficient to here to leave shelter when the thermometer is under forty degrees below zero. One of the men disaptore and the gold into two classes, the sillon was made and \$100 placed to his them medals. Even the life-saving med-the impact of the two vessels. On board the impact of t Sam does not go to the length of giving the latter craft was thrown overboard by containing four marines was overtaken

ters are sent to sailors who show cool A steamer, the Tennessee, collided with William E. Lester, a private in the judgment, quick action, etc., but Uncle the schooner Myronus, and the captain of United States Marine Corps. A rowboat pany, but in rare instances to civilian; has well, who perform herolo reaces. In the army the presentation of a media is and the format the presentation of a media is and the format the presentation of a media is and the format the presentation of a media is and the format the presentation of a media is format the presentation of a media is and the format the presentation of a media is and the format the presentation of a media is and the format the presentation of a media is and the format the presentation of a gold media. This summers the presentation of a gold media. This presentation of a gold media. This summers the presentation of a gold media. This presentation of a gold media. This pr



he was so exhausted that he became frightened and grappled with both men. He succeeded in dragging Kirwan down, but Foy managed to bring both design of the medals awarded by the deto the surface again, when the boy of them they managed to sustain him until assistance arrived. Elzar A. Hart and William J Kunze, but \$16 and is hung on light blue ribbon. both corporals in the army, won cer- Both are round and attached to an elab-

Key West, Fla., in the early part of medal is pendent from its bill. 1910. They voluntarily boarded a Juncand remained on board after the boathouse with all its approaches had been carried away. By daring and skillful

Mike Sonnis, another corporal, by displaying unusual coolness also won for himself a certificate of merit at Fort George Wright, Washington, when he disarmed a man intent upon murder. With great presence of mind Sonnis, armed only with his lance, another soldier. Sonnis rushed in and deflected the revolver just before it was fired, thereby saving the life of the man toward whom it had been

A somewhat similar deed brought Warren E. Dewey, a sergeant, a cer-tificate of merit. While stationed at Warren E. Dewey, a sergeant, a certificate of merit. While stationed at is in the shape of a star, in the center Fort Ethan Allen, Verment, he recapof which are two emblematic figures surtured a deserting sentry and the two convicts under his charge. The cap- left blank for the name of the recipient ture occurred near the fort. Dewey was armed with a revolver only, and the sentry had a rifle and ball cartridges. Not only did he make the cap-ture without assistance, but showed exceptional courage and discretion in

Thomas Cavanaugh, first-class fireman. a few years ago won a medal of honor from the Navy Department by performing on board the U. S. S. Potomac. The the sailor or soldier is in full-dress unifireroom of the vessel became filled with form. Accompanying each medal is a steam and the forward boiler was dis-

Washington. One of the boys clung to him a rescue was attempted, but it had the canoe, while the other set out to too much headway and so ran past him. swim ashore. But he soon showed Seeing that the man was almost at the signs of exhaustion. Foy and Kirwan, point of sinking, Ward jumped from the seeing the situation, immediately launch and swam to him, keeping him stripped and plunged into the cold wa- affoat until the dingy arrived and hauled

There is considerable difference in the partments for deeds of valor. The gold life-saving medal costs \$90 and is flung from a red ribbon. The silver one costs tificates of merit for services per-formed during a terrific hurricane at surrounded by a laurel wreath. The

The gold medals show on the obverse tion Box launch during the hurricane, side a life-saving crew at work in an open sea, and around it are the words: "United States of America. Act of Congress, June 20, 1874." On the reverse side is engraved a small monument, by the run into a safe mooring and saved from side of which leans a woman with a Above the monument is an eagle, and to one side is an anchor and flag. Encircling the whole are the words, "In testimony of heroic deeds in saving life from the perils of the sea." On the small monument is engraved the name of the recipient.

The silver medal depicts on its obverse side a woman in flowing garments floating on the surface of the water and aiding a drowning man. The inscriptions gold medal. On the reverse side a laurel wreath incloses a vacant space intende for the name of the recipient.

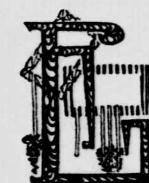
The medal of honor of the Navy De partment is of bronze, and is suspended from red, white and blue ribbon by an anchor. The ribbon is crossed by two rounded by stars. The reverse side is The medal of honor of the War De-partment, also bronze, is round. This, too, hangs from red white and blue ribbon. In the center is an eagle with spread wings, and encircling it appears the inscription, "Virtutis et audaciae monumentum et praemirim." On the reverse side is inscribed "For merit," inside of a laurel wreath, and around that

"U. S. Army and stars.

These medals are to be worn only when

To Establish and Maintain a Lawn in Washington

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falls far short of its best development, while the fine-leaved fescues, which are The conditions here are such that we

when it consists of a close sod of grass,

not an impossibility. pearance of the lawns of Washington.

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or pulverized limestone should be applied garden rake if the lawn is small. has attempted to liberally, since lime not only improves establish or main- the mechanical condition of the soil, but tain a lawn in the also sweetens it, and greatly induces the growth of Kentucky bluegrass and other lawn grasses.

many are discouraged before they have choice of seed is an extremely important matter, and a few suggestions along this line may be of some value. There is but a limited list of grasses to choose from for our conditions, and there are no highly desirable lawn grasses that can be said agreement, all three being usually necessary to the soil and climate. nany are discouraged before they have choice of seed is an extremely important to be fully suited to the soil and climate sary for success. In case the areas to of this section. Kentucky bluegrass alone be improved are small, they can be hand is extremely difficult to maintain in a worked and reseeded with little difficulty. inexcelled for the texture of their turf, and therefore it is necessary to mix If they are large, it is usually advisable an be used only in the most favorable other grasses with it. The best for this to spade them up, work thoroughly, and purpose are the bent grasses, of which seed as in the case of starting a new our common redtop is a representative.

ities, it is true, are highly desirable, but, in addition, there must be a fineness of

ed. There are a sufficient number of really fine lawns in this city to convince even the most skeptical that a good lawn is both is expensive and the purchaser has ing, but also to the grass that is already no assurance that he is getting the true present. On the other hand, heavy roll-There is no royal road to success in variety in either case when ordering ing, if the ground is wet, is likely to be lawn making, but there are a few simple them. Therefore, for ordinary use, red-injurious. When mowing and watering practices applicable to our conditions that top is advised. If white clover is not during the early spring, care should be if followed will vastly improve the ap- desired, it may, of course, be omitted, taken not to disturb the new seedings desired, it may, or course, be offitted.
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A reasonably fertile soil can be obtained by adming a sumt. A state of the rake the above taken the supposed the same were secured by the aid of E. F. then the grass may be lifted so three pounds to the proportion given. The roller is an implement that is very valuable in connection with the mainted products that has been applied the same were secured by the aid of E. F. with poline, crawlis into the flower reports that should be closely form the early spring, many be lifted so three pounds to the proportion given. The roller is an implement that is very valuable in connection with the mainted by valuable in connection with the mainted by valuable in connection with the surface of the grass may be lifted so three pounds to the proportion given. The roller is an implement that is very valuable in connection with the same were secured by the aid of E. F. with police, crawlis into the flower that they can be emigral to the time that they can be emigral to the time that is very valuable in connection with the same were secured by the aid of E. F. Smithers, then the United Simty, and it was thought the same were secured by the aid of E. F. Smithers, then the United Simty, and is sufficiently a light rolling after the first they can be cally impossible, however, to cut crab the from the frequently at the proposible. The should be consented they are well established, and then, the first step is to remove with a mower. By means of the rake the above taken, but it must be used at the same were secured by

of the mixture before described, omitting slightest danger of damage to the grass, weeds are very prominent, and many which give the peculiar flavor.

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ever, before this is done air-slaked lime if the lawn is large, or with the ordinary an area of 1,000 square feet when the lawn than in any other phase of its grass first starts growing.

This fertilizer can best be applied on a as it is almost universally followed, is small lawn in a solution by means of a fundamentally wrong; not that the sprinkling pot, since this method not sprinkling does not furnish enough water only a few suggestions only insures even distribution of the ni- to the grass during the season, but that District of Columbia has soon beto me convinced that it is no easy undertaking, and sown. Rolling is frequently valuable in the second of th wet down with the hose.

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the extremely hot and dry periods.

In this connection the percentage of the lawns of Washington ing the grass a vigorous start, thereby A thorough soaking is what is necessary and should be given in the laterally important without a complete overheading it to get ahead of the weeds in sary and should be given in the laterally important without a complete overheading it to get ahead of the weeds in sary and should be given in the laterally important without a complete overheading it to get ahead of the weeds in sary and should be given in the laterally important without a complete overheading it to get ahead of the weeds in sary and should be given in the lateral properties. the spring. Bone meal, dried blood and afternoon or early morning. The ordi-potash are also valuable and may be nary revolving spray is quite satisfactory applied annually in the spring as top- for this purpose, but the amount of water dressings, at the rate of eight pounds of applied by it is usually much less than bone meal or dried blood and two pounds appears. In any event, the point to be

lawns at the end of the season are com-

cate it. Even when this is done, care tains frequently induces new growth, as and the freezing and thawing of earl must be taken to remove all the roots or the plants are often only broken off at spring.

the grass will again gain a foothold and the surface of the ground.

There soon be as troublesome as before. Bermuda is a very good lawn grass in the south, but in the District of Columbia it can be considered only as a weed in the two just mentioned that are a source f constant trouble in the lawn, not only

n the spring, but also in the summer and autumn. Among the most important possible to eradicate these by the use of chemical compounds, the most practicable method in the case of those having long tap roots is to cut them off well below the surface with a spud or simishallow-rooted species. The pulling of gives the grass the necessary protection some assistance to those having an insuch weeds as dandelions and the plan-

At the end of the season and before the severe weather of winter arrives the are dandelion, plantain, chickweed, ox- that is not thoroughly rotted. Otherto be introduced, and the dressing would can in many cases be largely overcome. lar instrument, and to cut or pull the It not only adds fertility to the soil, but few suggestions given here will prove of

There are always a great many in quiries regarding grasses for shady lawns. This problem has never been satisfactorily solved, since a good lawn grass that will grow well in the shade There are many other weeds besides lawn should be given a good top-dressing Kentucky bluegrass and the bent grasses of barnyard manure. This should be ap- are not shade-loving grasses, but they plied preferably during the month of De- can be made to thrive much better than cember, and no manure should be used is commonly the case if given proper treatment. By thorough watering and rational use of the fertilizers previously eye daisy and yarrow. While it is quite wise a quantity of weed seeds is likely discussed the evil effects of the shade likely prove more harmful than beneficial. It is quite impossible to touch on all the points pertaining to lawn making The top-dressing is necessary for a suc- and maintenance in a short discussion o cessful lawn, and should not be omitted. this kind. However, it is hoped that the

that it is no easy undertaking, and undertaking, and that success is attained only through constant through constant through constant through constant the improvement and maintenance of lawns already in existence, for there are the improvement and maintenance of lawns already in existence, for there are subsurface, but this must be done with a trouble and expense of breaking up the through constant given to the preparation of the seedbed, through constant through constant the improvement and maintenance of lawns already in existence, for there are lawns already in existence, for there are lawns already in existence, for there are subsurface, but this must be done with a trouble and expense of breaking up the above method to be practicable, the ferror resistent to the severe conditions of the severe conditions

against germs and bugs, it is rather was given was that Smyrna fig growers, 1890 attempted to secure the desired reodd to find one bug which is not fearing competition in this country, had sults by means of artificial fertilization.
In this way he produced four Smyrna figs, only harmless, but necessary to one of the foods which we eat. Perhaps it is but another instance when the exception proves the rule, but certain it is that without the energetic work done that without the energetic work done that without the energetic work done that without the electron proves the rule, but certain it is best figs imported to a large grocery firm the electron proves the rule, but certain it is best figs imported to a large grocery firm periments Mr. Roeding planted twenty that without the energetic work done in this country. These seeds sprouted, acres in 1892. In the meantime Dr. Guston and the rule, but recommends a grossorum, the and in four years' time the trees were tax Eisen had been experiments. of potash for every 1,000 square feet.

As previously stated, lime has a very be thoroughly saturated to a depth of beneficial effect on the growth of the grass and can best be applied to the lawn in the form of pulverized limestone, a dressing of 100 pounds for 1,000 square feet.

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texture, which, in the last analysis, represents the acme of success in lawn making.

While it is possible to our unfavorable controllers, it will probably be found upon investigation that our poor laws are different or a lack of effort properly directed. There are a sufficient number of real plane in the seed of the sake of appearance, of the insects was realized by grow and can be used very satisfactorily. By in the District of Columbia: making.

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After some years of futile endeavor in this direction it was gradually realised that the varieties then growing

cuttings of wild figs. He was watched sulted successfully, however, It is also true that until the importance by the people constantly and refused the

formed by the little insects.

N this day, when war is being waged given considerable newspaper publicity. varieties of caprifigs and Smyrna figs against germs and bugs, it is rather One of the reasons for the failure which had been imported, George C. Roeding in

prifigs, which resulted in the abundance shipped to California. The insects were f ripe seeds, and this mission was per-liberated in an inclosed tent in which

there was a capring. Then a year elapsed without result, Other importations of caprifigs were sent to California by the department, and Much difficulty is experienced in cut- there were not comparable with the For ages it has been known that in finally, in 1890, six boxes were received